IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA NORFOLK DIVISION

ACTIVEVIDEO NETWORKS, INC. Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., VERIZON SERVICES CORP., VERIZON VIRGINIA INC. AND VERIZON SOUTH INC. Defendants/Counterclaim-Plaintiffs.

Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-248 RAJ/DEM

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW REGARDING VALIDITY OF U.S. PATENT 5,526,034

Plaintiff ActiveVideo Networks, Inc. ("ActiveVideo") respectfully submits this memorandum in support of its Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law Regarding the Validity of U.S. Patent 5,526,034 ("the '034 patent"). As no reasonable jury could conclude, based on the record evidence, that the '034 patent is invalid, ActiveVideo's motion should be granted.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the Final Pretrial Order, Verizon identified numerous triable issues regarding the validity of the '034 patent. *See* D.I. 762 at pp. 26-31. In its case in chief, however, Verizon has failed to introduce <u>any</u> evidence supporting its contentions that this patent is invalid.

Accordingly, no reasonable jury could conclude that the '034 patent is invalid.

II. <u>LEGAL STANDARD</u>

A judgment as a matter of law is appropriate where "a party has been fully heard on an issue during a jury trial and the court finds that a reasonable jury would not have a legally sufficient evidentiary basis to find for the party on that issue." FED. R. CIV. P. 50(a).

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A patent is presumed valid. 35 U.S.C. § 282. A party challenging the validity of a patent

must prove invalidity by clear and convincing evidence. Hearing Components, Inc. v. Shure

Inc., 600 F.3d 1357, 1366 (Fed. Cir. 2010).

III. ARGUMENT

A party challenging the validity of a patent must introduce *some* evidence to support its

claim. A patent is presumed valid. 35 U.S.C. § 282. To overcome this presumption, a party

challenging the validity of a patent must prove invalidity by clear and convincing evidence.

Hearing Components, 600 F.3d at 1366 (Fed. Cir. 2010). It is axiomatic that a party fails to meet

its burden when it fails to introduce any evidence.

In this case, Verizon has rested its case in chief. It had every opportunity to be heard on

the invalidity of the '034 patent. However, Verizon provided no evidence supporting a theory

that the '034 patent is invalid. By all appearances, Verizon has abandoned its claim that this

patent is invalid. In the absence of any evidence supporting an invalidity theory, a reasonable

jury would not have a legally sufficient evidentiary basis to find the '034 patent invalid.

Judgment as a matter of law is, therefore, appropriate. FED. R. Civ. P. 50(a).

IV. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, ActiveVideo respectfully requests that the Court grant

ActiveVideo's motion for judgment as a matter of law.

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Respectfully submitted,

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